

# County of Los Angeles CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: CASTAIC CREEK FLOODWAY SOIL CEMENT BANK PROTECTION VESTING TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP 26363, PRIVATE DRAIN 2563
REVISION OF THE ADOPTED FLOODWAY (ML MAP 335 1 AND 2)
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)

# IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

- 1. Conditionally approve the revision of the Castaic Creek floodway map to allow construction of the proposed flood control channel improvements as part of the Valencia Commerce Center Project, Phases 1 and 2, Vesting Tentative Parcel Map 26363.
- 2. Authorize the Chief Engineer or his designee of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to accept the improvements upon completion to County standards.

### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain approval to revise the Castaic Creek floodway, as shown on Attachment A. Approval of the recommendation would allow flood control channel improvements to commence as approved under Vesting Tentative Parcel Map 26363.

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Following the completion of the proposed flood control channel improvements and acceptance by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, a revised floodway map depicting the as-built drainage conditions will be prepared and submitted to your Board for approval.

# **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1) by providing flood protection and a safe habitable environment and Community Services (Goal 6) by enhancing the quality of life for the residents in the County of Los Angeles.

#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On August 14, 1984, your Board approved and adopted Ordinance 84-0136 to establish floodway and water surface elevations for Castaic Creek. The ordinance provides for the regulation of construction-related activities within the established floodway to ensure that new developments are adequately protected from anticipated severe flood events.

The Castaic Creek floodway was adopted in accordance with the County's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Vesting Tentative Parcel Map 26363 proposes a new development that includes flood control channel improvements that will affect the Castaic Creek floodway. The engineering calculations and construction plans for the proposed channel improvements have been reviewed and approved by the Department of Public Works in conformance with the Castaic Creek Floodway Ordinance.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

In accordance with Section 15378(b)(4) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, approval of the recommended action does not constitute a project and, hence, is not subject to the requirements of CEQA.

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# **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The recommended action will not have an impact on current County services or projects.

# **CONCLUSION**

Please return three adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Watershed Management Division.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment

c: County Counsel

